

## **U.S. Department of Justice**

United States Attorney for the District of Colorado

William J. Leone



On January 1, 2005, Bill Leone became Acting United States Attorney for the District of Colorado. On July 28, 2005, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales appointed Mr. Leone to continue to serve as United States Attorney. On November 25, 2005, Colorado U.S. District Court Judges appointed Mr. Leone to serve as United States Attorney pending the nomination and confirmation of a successor. Mr. Leone joined the U.S. Attorney's Office on October 3, 2001, as First Assistant United States Attorney.

Mr. Leone graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colorado State University in 1978 and Order of the Coif from University of Colorado School of Law in 1981. He clerked for former Chief Judge David Enoch of the Colorado Court of Appeals and served as an associate and ultimately a shareholder with the local law firm of Ireland Stapleton, PC. Beginning in 1994, Mr. Leone served as a litigation partner in the Colorado office of the national law firm of Cooley Godward LLP. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Leone served as the administrative head of Cooley Godward's Colorado litigation office. Mr. Leone has extensive private practice experience representing prominent national clients in complex litigation matters including securities, anti-trust, complex contract, intellectual property, accounting malpractice and internet matters. As the top federal prosecutor in Colorado, he oversees federal prosecutors and defensive litigation experts who work on all types of cases, including violations of criminal law, and defending the United States when it is sued in court. He has also personally been in charge of the investigation into business practices at Qwest Communications

Mr. Leone is married and has four children. He is an active member of the community, previously serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission and Judicial Performance Commission for the 17th Judicial District.